

## Region Four 4600 Giant Springs Road, Great Falls, MT. 59405 (406) 454-5840

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Giant Springs State Park Planning Working Group

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

Find attached the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Source Giant Springs Land Donation. Three comments were received on this project in support of the preferred alternative with no modifications. The donation is therefore submitted to the FWP Commission for further acceptance.

Thank you for your continued interest in Giant Springs State Park.

Sincerely,

Mike Aderhold

Regional Supervisor

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Decision Notice For Proposed

Source Giant Springs Land Donation

Region Four - FWP

4600 Giant Springs Road

Great Falls, MT. 59405

Monday, March 10, 2003

## **Description of Proposed Action:**

FWP proposes to accept a land donation of approximately 9.6 acres of land within the boundaries of Giant Springs State Park from Source Giant Springs, Inc.

## Finding of No Significant Impact:

Based on the analysis in the EA, I find the project as proposed to be the preferred alternative. This alternative will enhance Giant Springs State Park by improving and consolidating the land base at Giant Springs State Park.

Three comments were received in support of the project without modification during the project's 30 day comment period therefore the draft EA will be accepted as the final EA.

I have reviewed the EA and applicable laws, regulations, and policies and have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

This action is subject to appeal, which must be submitted to the FWP Director in writing, and postmarked within 30 days of the date on this decision notice. The appeal must specifically describe the basis for the appeal, explain how appellant has previously commented to the Department or participated in the decision-making process, and lay out how FWP might address the concerns in the appeal.

The Final Environmental Assessment may be viewed, or obtained from The Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks, Region 4, Great Falls, MT. If you have questions regarding this decision notice, or the final EA please direct requests and questions to: Mike Aderhold 4600 Giant Springs Road Great Falls MT 59405 (406) 454-5840.

Signed

Mile Aderhold - Region Four Supervisor

Date 3/11/03